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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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SUBJECT:IV GRANTEE: MRS.SUSHILA THAPA

REF: KATHMANDU 1972

1. UNCLASSIFIED: VISITOR PROGRAM SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT
AGREEABLE TO CHANGE IN MRS. THAPA'S ARRIVAL DATE TO MAY 18
WITH PROGRAMMING SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19. END
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2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: FYI: WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER,
ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT MRS. THAPA AND HRH PRINCESS SHANTI
MAY BE IN WASHINGTON AT SAME TIME, PERHAPS EVEN
ARRIVING SAME DAY. WE CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH NEPALESE
EMBASSY ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY AND WERE ADVISED IT WOULD
BE ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY MADE CLEAR THAT
ACCORDING TO NEPALESE PRACTICE IN SUCH CASES, FOCUS OF
ATTENTION WOULD BE ON PRINCESS SHANTI. HENCE, WE SUGGEST
YOU CHECK ON PRINCESS SHANTI'S PLANS AND, IF THEY OVERLAP
TOO CLOSELY WITH THOSE OF MRS. THAPA, CONSIDER THE
DESIRABILITY OF POSTPONING MRS. THAPA'S VISIT. UNDER
CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR KHANAL'S DEPARTURE IN
LATE MAY, THIS MIGHT BE BEST COURSE. WE NOTE NEPALESE
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EMBASSY HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM GON REGARDING MRS. THAPA'S

PLANNED VISIT OR WISHES. END FYI. END CONFIDENTIAL KISSINGER

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